

# **FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

## **HB 2909 – SB 3111**

April 1, 2008

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015165, 015509):** Eliminates de novo appeal of juvenile cases. Requires reviews conducted by criminal and circuit courts of the findings of fact by the juvenile court to be reviewed by the trial court to determine whether sufficient evidence was presented to support those findings. Requires dispositions of juvenile court proceedings under appeal would be reviewed for an abuse of discretion by the juvenile court.

### **FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Increase State Expenditures - \$342,900

Other Fiscal Impact – Increase Federal Expenditures - \$62,300

### **FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Increase State Revenue – Not Significant**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

**Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant**

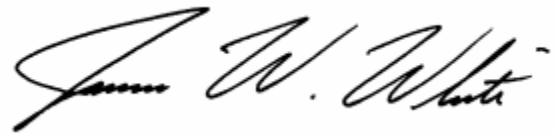
Assumptions applied to amendment:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), the caseloads of the criminal and circuit courts will not be impacted.
- A small increase in cases in the juvenile courts, which will result in additional local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional local revenue from fees, taxes, and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.
- Local courts may need additional court reporters or recording equipment to make a record of the proceedings. While juvenile courts are courts of record, not all proceedings in cases are recorded or reported. These expenditures are estimated to be not significant.
- Any decrease in time to hear juvenile court appeals will not have a significant impact on the amount of time a child is in state custody.

- According to the District Attorneys General Conference, there will not be a significant fiscal impact on district attorneys.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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